

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace paragraph [0131] on page 36 with the following amended paragraph:

[0131] 10 µl of sample are mixed with 50 µl of a particle suspension (C-bead-ADx-DexAl coated with anti-human IgG antibodies, 50 µg/ml, Example 6), and 50 µl of a rubella antigen-coated particle suspension (S-bead-DxAl coated with rubella antigen, 0.2 mg/ml; Example 9) and 50 µl of a biotinylated rubella antigen solution (5 µg/ml), and the mixture is incubated at 37°C for 196 seconds (or 359 seconds). After these 196 seconds (359 seconds), the first signal (time T1) is recorded by luminescence. After a further 81 seconds (or immediately after T1, respectively), 50 µl of the S-bead-DxAl-SAv suspension (0.2 mg/ml) and 75 µl of assay buffer (0.1 M tris buffer, 0.3 M NaCl, 25 mM EDTA, 1 mg of BSA/ml, pH 8.2) are added to the mixture and the whole is incubated at 37°C for 264 seconds. After that, the second signal (time T2) is recorded by luminescence.

Replace paragraph [0133] on page 37 with the following amended paragraph:

[0133] 10 µl of sample are mixed with 50 µl of particle suspension (C-bead-ADx-DxAl coated with anti-human IgG antibodies, 50 µg/ml, Example 6) and 50 µl of biotinylated rubella antigen solution (5 µg/ml), and the mixture is incubated at 37°C for 277 seconds. After that, 100 µl of the S-bead-DxAl-SAv suspension (0.1 mg/ml) and 25 µl of assay

buffer are added to the mixture and the whole is incubated at 37°C for 264 seconds.

After that, the signal (time T2) is recorded by luminescence.